

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 4 and amend claims 1, 5-8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A gas-insulated switch equipped with;  
a breaking section comprising a fixed contact and a moving contact that can contact with and separate from the fixed contact, both installed in a ~~ground~~ grounded vessel filled with insulation gas;  
an operating device comprising a closing operation section that closes the fixed and moving contacts of the closing section and a breaking operation section that breaks the contacts; and  
a shock absorber that absorbs the shock on the two contacts in the closing and breaking operations of the operating device;  
the shock absorber being installed in the breaking section of the operating device; and the shock absorber absorbing the shock in both closing and breaking operations.

2. Cancelled

3. (Original) A gas-insulated switch according to Claim 1, wherein

when the moving contact is in a closing action and in a breaking action, any load resulting from the action is not applied to the shock absorber in the course of the action.

4. Cancelled

5. (Currently Amended) A gas-insulated switch according to Claim 1 ~~or Claim 2~~, wherein

the operating device closes and breaks the fixed and moving contacts with the aid of an operating rod, and the moving direction of the operating rod is equal to that of the shock absorber.

6. (Currently Amended) A gas-insulated switch equipped with; a breaking section comprising a fixed contact and a moving contact that can contact with and separate from the fixed contact, both installed in a ~~ground~~ grounded vessel filled with insulation gas;

an operating device comprising a closing operation section that closes the fixed and moving contacts of the closing section and a breaking operation section that breaks the contacts; and

a shock absorber that hydraulically absorbs the shock on the two contacts in the closing and breaking operations of the operating device; the shock absorber adjusting the shock in the closing and breaking operations by adjusting the hydraulic

pressure; and the shock absorber absorbing the shock in both closing and breaking operations.

7. (Currently Amended) A gas-installed switch according to Claim 6, wherein

~~the a~~ hydraulic throttle of the shock absorber can be adjusted externally.

8. (Currently Amended) A gas-insulated switch equipped with a fixed contact and a moving contact that can contact with and separate from the fixed contact; wherein

there ~~are~~ is provided a shock absorber that brakes the moving contact in the breaking action and closing action of the moving contact, and

an output lever that is linked with the moving contact; the shock absorber being installed at a position in either of the moving directions of the output lever.

9. (Original) A gas-insulated switch according to Claim 8, wherein

the output lever rotates, and the shock absorber is installed at a position in either of the rotating directions of the output lever.